

REMARKS

This instant amendment is being submitted to better note the priority claims of the subject application. In addition, an Abstract of the invention is provided herewith. The amendment does not introduce new matter. Therefore, entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

Specifically, as indicated in the attached filing transmittal dated March 26, 1999, the subject application (Applicant's Ref. No. TSRI 433.1 Div 1) is a divisional of parent Application Serial No. 08/860,232 (filed on June 13, 1997). Parent Application Serial No. 08/860,232 in turn is a national phase entry of PCT/US95/16415 which was filed on December 14, 1995. This is evidenced by the Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in parent Application Serial No. 08/860,232, a copy of which was included with the initial filing transmittal of the subject application and also enclosed herewith. Applicant further encloses a copy of the Transmittal Letter dated June 13, 1997 for the filing of parent Application Serial No. 08/860,232 (Applicant's Ref. No. TSRI 433.1). Both the Transmittal Letter and the Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in parent Application Serial No. 08/860,232 clearly state that it is a US national phase application of PCT application PCT/US95/16415.

Finally, parent application PCT/US95/16415 claims the benefit of priority to US Application Serial No. 08/355,558 which was filed on December 14, 1994. This priority claim is indicated in the attached PCT Request (at page 4) filed in parent application PCT/US95/16415 (Applicant's Ref. No. TSRI 433.1PC) and also on the title page of the published PCT

application (also enclosed). Thus, the subject application has properly claimed the benefit of priority to Application Serial No. 08/355,558 (filed on December 14, 1994).

If a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned attorney at 858-784-2937. If there are any additional fees (or overpayments) associated with this Response, or any Response associated with this application, the Director is hereby authorized to charge (or credit) our Deposit Account No. 19-0962.

Respectfully submitted,

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